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(54) **Multi-tasking utility tool**

(57) A utility tool (200) comprising a body (206) having a first end (220) and a second end (224) positioned on opposite ends of the body; a removable blade cartridge (210) positioned within the body, wherein a knife blade (216) within the removable blade cartridge is configured to slidably extend out from the first end; as well as a first tool (202) and a second tool (204) configured to be selectively coupled to each other or one of either the first end and second end of the body. The utility tool includes a knife switch (212) coupled to the knife blade, the knife blade moves from the retracted position to the extended position only when the blade cartridge is engaged within the body. The utility tool having a spring mechanism (256) for biasing the knife blade to the retracted position and a leaf member (214) for engaging and disengaging the blade cartridge from the blade cartridge bay (218) by snap fit.

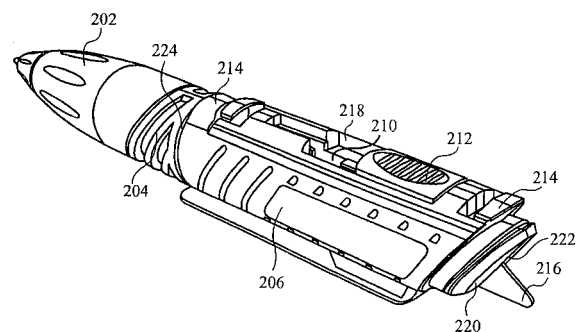


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1. claims: 1-8

a removable blade cartridge comprising a knife blade and a guide assembly therefor

2. claims: 9,10

a utility tool comprising a body, a cutting tool positioned within the body and a cartridge unit including a first tool coupled to the body

3. claims: 19,29

a utility tool comprising a body, a first housing coupled to the body and a second housing coupled to the body, the second housing being configured to rotate with respect to the body

4. claim: 39

a multi-tasking utility tool comprising a body, a knife compartment containing a cutting tool and a cartridge unit being rotatable with respect to the body and having a first and a second writing instrument

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